Town Corner Wildlife Area

Program Property Page

Other Plans: 1985 Master Plan (not NR44-compliant); Interim Forest Management Plan

Property Overview

Town Corner Wildlife Area is a 900-acre property located in north-central Marinette County, northwest of the town of Amberg, in an area of extensive public lands, including other Wildlife Areas, the Pike Wild River, and Marinette County lands. The property was established in 1947 and was originally purchased and managed for deer yard habitat. Management eventually transitioned to an emphasis on forest wildlife.

An embedded State Natural Area (SNA), <u>Town Corner Cedars</u>, occupies the center and the northeastern portion of the property. This SNA features a good-quality white cedar swamp with some black spruce and tamarack, a small, undeveloped seepage lake, and a poor fen. The remainder of the wildlife area is forested, mostly with aspen, oak, and pine with some grass openings and scattered rock outcrops.

Public Use and Recreation Facilities

The property is open to hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, hiking, cross-country skiing, and gathering of wild edibles. Hunting is the primary public use. A few primitive roads provide access, mostly to the upland portions of the property. There is one parking area.

Natural Resources Management

The SNA is managed to protect the white cedar swamp and associated wetlands, primarily through passive management. The forest types on the rest of the property are managed using sustainable forestry practices, maintaining a variety of successional stages and structural conditions to benefit wildlife and for forest production. Some healthy oak stands may be managed with extended rotation, and an area of planted red pine is being thinned to more closely resemble natural-origin stands.

